## **BEFORE THE**

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Notification by Cuba City Telephone Exchange Company, Inc., That it Intends to Increase Telephone Rates

1460-TR-104

## NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

**THIS IS AN INVESTIGATION** opened in response to the notification received on October 14, 2002, from Cuba City Telephone Exchange Company (Cuba City, or applicant), that it intends to increase rates for local exchange telephone service at its Cuba City exchange in Grant and Lafayette Counties.

Rate increases are proposed for residential local service and for Caller ID and some custom calling features. Cuba City proposes to increase residential and business rates by approximately 30 percent. The proposed rate for residential service is \$10.29. A copy of the applicant's notification is available on the commission's website at: http://www.psc.state.wi.us/telecom/cases/rec\_apps/recentap.htm.

Cuba City mailed notice of this proposal to its customers on November 8, 2002. Under Wis. Stat. § 196.215(3)(a), the proposed rates will become effective January 15, 2003, as specified in the notice. Customers have the opportunity to petition the Commission for an investigation of the utility's rate increase.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Commission may investigate this matter under Wis. Stat. § 196.215(3)(a). If, within 60 days of the mailing of the utility's notice to customers, the Commission receives a petition from at least 175 customers requesting that the Commission determine rates, further investigation will be necessary. The utility's proposed increases may still go into effect; however, the rates will then be subject to refund.

The Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

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participate in this matter or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Tom Gross at  $(608)\ 267-2337$ .

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin,

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr

Lynda L. Dorr Secretary to the Commission

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